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TO U.S. ARMY FACILITIES IN FRG.

REF: A) NAIROBI 3080 (NOTAL), B) STATE 106365 (NOTAL)

- 1. MOD PERM SEC KIEREINI, IN JULY 1 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, REQUESTED USG SPONSOR VISIT BY TEAM OF KENYAN ARMY OFFICERS TO U.S.A. FACILITIES IN FRG. GOK WOULD LIKE TO SEND UP TO TEN ARMY OFFICERS, LED BY BRIGADIER LUCAS MATU (DEPUTY ARMY COMMANDER), TO INSPECT 3)3:53\$ 853. 9*7.S. GROUND EQUIPMENT. SUCH A TOUR WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TO KIEREINI BY STATE/DOD TEAM WHICH VISITED KENYA IN APRIL 1975 (REF A). SUBSEQUENTLY, DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTED PROJECTED TOIR BE POSTPONED IN VIEW USG DISCUSSIONS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA AND APPARENT RENEWED UK INTEREST IN ASSISTING KENYANS (REF B).
- 2. KIEREINI POINTED OUT TODAY THAT, DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS, KENYA UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE ANY SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE IN MILITARY FIELD FROM BRITAIN. ONLY OTHER PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIER, FRG, EXPECTED TO LIMIT MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ARMY TRUCKS OF SAME TYPE KENYA HAS PURCONFIDENTIAL

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CHASED FROM GERMANY IN RECENT YEARS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW ABSENCE OTHER SUPPLIERS, IT IS APPARENT THAT GOK IS GIVING ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO ACQUISITION OF SELECTED ITEMS OF U.S. GROUND EQUIPMENT FOR PLANNED EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF KENYAN ARMY.

RECOMMEND EARLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO KENYAN TOUR REQUEST.

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